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Agricultural Summary

Average temperatures were once again on the mild side and precipitation was slightly above normal. Average temperature departure across the state was around three degrees above normal and precipitation was about a tenth of an inch above normal for the month. Despite these above average temperatures and precipitation, the month of February still has not been ideal for livestock and winter wheat producers with the weather varying from sunny and sixty-two degrees to windy, snowy and below freezing during the same week. February has been a good month to get equipment ready and plan for the spring. The milder periods have allowed some farmers to catch up on field work but the lack of snow cover is not ideal for the winter wheat. Warmer but muddy conditions have not been good for newborn calves and lambs and the periods of extreme cold are hard on the livestock. As of March 3, the winter wheat crop was rated ten percent excellent, 49 percent good, 38 percent fair and three percent poor.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 1				
Northwest	-	26	73	1
Northeast	-	16	83	1
West	3	38	59	-
Central	-	5	83	12
East	-	12	68	20
W Southwest	1	5	85	9
E Southeast	-	9	55	36
Southwest	-	-	68	32
Southeast	-	4	72	24
State	1	14	72	13

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 28						
Northwest	30.5	25.3	5.2	1.65	1.45	0.20
Northeast	31.2	26.2	5.0	1.45	1.52	-0.07
West	33.5	29.3	4.2	1.33	1.66	-0.33
Central	33.0	28.7	4.3	1.77	1.70	0.08
East	32.9	28.5	4.3	2.50	1.70	0.80
W Southwest	35.3	31.8	3.5	1.72	1.93	-0.21
E Southeast	35.0	32.6	2.4	2.58	2.28	0.30
Southwest	37.3	35.5	1.9	2.73	2.53	0.20
Southeast	38.0	35.8	2.2	2.61	2.92	-0.31
State	33.9	30.2	3.7	2.01	1.93	0.08

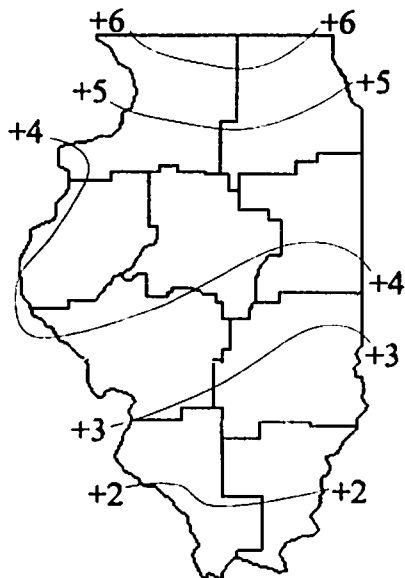
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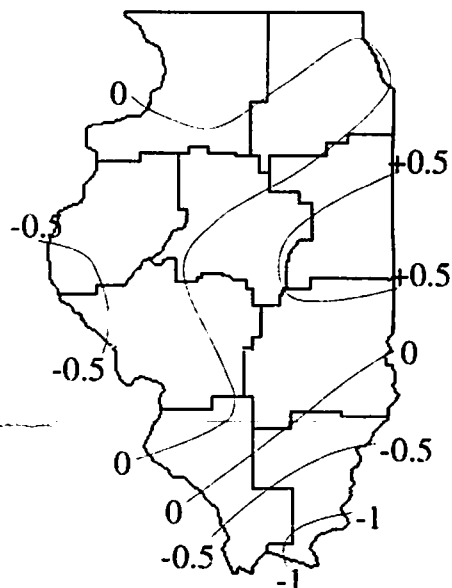
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Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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